

Semple-von Pfister Store
Foot of D Street
Benicia
Solano County
California

HABS No. CA-1912

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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STATE California	COUNTY Solano	TOWN OR VICINITY Benicia
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Semple-von Pfister Store		HABS NO. CA-1912
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Foot of D Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) ca. 1847	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Benjamin MacDonald, builder	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) One of the first structures built in Benicia, this building is reputed to have been built by Benjamin MacDonald for Robert Semple, who soon rented it to Captain E. H. von Pfister for use as a store. Like other early structures, this is constructed of adobe		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Clapboard over adobe.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 25' x 40'		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Gable end has two doors, pent roof, and small door in gable.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) The Benicia project was undertaken by HABS in the summer of 1976 in cooperation with Exxon Company, USA, and the Benicia Historical Society. The project supervisor was John P. White and the project historian was Robert Brueggemann.		
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